

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1-34, as shown in the APPENDIX A attached hereafter, in which the clean version of the entire set of the pending claims are provided. The "marked-up" version of the amended claims are provided in the APPENDIX B attached hereafter.

Please add new claims 35-38 as shown in the APPENDIX A.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, claims 1-34 have been amended, and claims 35-38 are newly added. Claims 1-38 are active in this application, of which claims 1, 10 and 22 are independent. The Office Action indicates that claims 25-34 are objected to but allowable if presented in independent form.

Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, claims 22 and 27 have been objected to for several informalities. In this response, claims 22 and 27 have been amended to correct the informalities therein, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, it is requested that the objection over claims 22 and 27 be withdrawn.